



(Eighth Parliament - First Session)

No. 21.]

MINUTES OF PARLIAMENT

Thursday, November 26, 2015 at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT :

The Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, Speaker

The Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala, Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees

The Hon. Selvam Adaikkalanathan, Deputy Chairman of Committees

The Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe, Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies
and Economic Affairs

The Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale, Minister of Foreign Employment

The Hon. Wajira Abeywardana, Minister of Home Affairs

The Hon. John Amaratunga, Minister of Tourism Development and Christian
Religious Affairs

The Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera, Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
Development

The Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama, Minister of Special Assignment

The Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka, Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass
Media and the Chief Government Whip

The Hon. Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Finance

The Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, Minister of Education

The Hon. Lakshman Kiriella, Minister of Higher Education and Highways and the
Leader of the House of Parliament

The Hon. Mano Ganesan, Minister of National Dialogue

The Hon. Daya Gamage, Minister of Primary Industries

The Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva, Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation

The Hon. Palany Thigambaram, Minister of Hill Country New Villages,
Infrastructure and Community Development

The Hon. Navin Dissanayake, Minister of Plantation Industries

The Hon. S. B. Dissanayake, Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare

- The Hon. S. B. Nawinne**, Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs
- The Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera**, Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife
- The Hon. Harin Fernando**, Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure
- The Hon. Sajith Premadasa**, Minister of Housing and Construction
- The Hon. Rishad Bathiudeen**, Minister of Industry and Commerce
- The Hon. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara**, Minister of Women and Child Affairs
- The Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa**, Minister of Disaster Management
- The Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga**, Minister of Ports and Shipping
- The Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka**, Minister of Megapolis and Western Development
- The Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe**, Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana
- The Hon. Chandima Weerakkody**, Minister of Petroleum Resources Development
- The Hon. Malik Samarawickrama**, Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade
- The Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe**, Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training
- The Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne**, Minister of Labour and Trade Unions Relations
- The Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne**, Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine
- The Hon. Wijith Wijayamuni Zoysa**, Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management
- The Hon. D. M. Swaminathan**, Minister of Prisons Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs
- The Hon. Rauff Hakeem**, Minister of City Planning and Water Supply
- The Hon. Abdul Haleem**, Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs
- The Hon. Kabir Hashim**, Minister of Public Enterprise Development
- The Hon. P. Harrison**, Minister of Rural Economic Affairs
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- The Hon. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena**, State Minister of Finance
- The Hon. T. B. Ekanayake**, State Minister of Lands
- The Hon. Mohan Lal Grero**, State Minister of Higher Education
- The Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne**, State Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development

The Hon. Dilan Perera, State Minister of Highways

The Hon. Niroshan Perera, State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs

The Hon. A. D. Premadasa, State Minister of Industry and Commerce Affairs

The Hon. Palitha Range Bandara, State Minister of Skills Development and
Vocational Training

The Hon. (Mrs.) Vijayakala Maheswaran, State Minister of Child Affairs

The Hon. V. S. Radhakrishnan, State Minister of Education

The Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene, State Minister of Defence

The Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera, State Minister of Labour and Trade Unions
Relations

The Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe, State Minister of International Trade

The Hon. Vasantha Senanayake, State Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources
Management

The Hon. M. L. A. M. Hizbullah, State Minister of Rehabilitation and Resettlement

The Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie, State Minister of National Integration and Reconciliation

The Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe, Deputy Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation

The Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna, Deputy Minister of Megapolis and Western
Development

The Hon. Faizal Cassim, Deputy Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous
Medicine

The Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne, Deputy Minister of Mahaweli Development and
Environment

The Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena, Deputy Minister of Sustainable Development
and Wildlife

The Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs

The Hon. H. R. Sarathie Dushmantha, Deputy Minister of Justice

The Hon. Karunarathna Paranawithana, Deputy Minister of Provincial Councils and
Local Government

The Hon. Ajith P. Perera, Deputy Minister of Power and Renewable Energy

The Hon. Lakshman Wasantha Perera, Deputy Minister of Plantation Industries

The Hon. Arundika Fernando, Deputy Minister of Tourism Development and
Christian Religious Affairs

The Hon. Indika Bandaranayake, Deputy Minister of Housing and Construction

The Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka, Deputy Minister of Telecommunication and Digital
Infrastructure

The Hon. Nishantha Muthuhettigamage, Deputy Minister of Ports and Shipping
Affairs

The Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake, Deputy Minister of Social Empowerment and
Welfare

The Hon. Nimal Lanza, Deputy Minister of Home Affairs

The Hon. Eran Wickramaratne, Deputy Minister of Public Enterprise Development

The Hon. Duleep Wijsekera, Deputy Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim
Religious Affairs

The Hon. Ameer Ali Shihabdeen, Deputy Minister of Rural Economic Affairs

The Hon. H. M. M. Harees, Deputy Minister of Sports

The Hon. Hector Appuhamy

The Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

The Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena

The Hon. Dilum Amunugama

The Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala

The Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma

The Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage

The Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage

The Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare

The Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

The Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri

The Hon. Velu Kumar

The Hon. Nalaka Prasad Colonne

The Hon. Chandima Gamage

The Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila

The Hon. Nihal Galappaththi

The Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena

The Hon. Bandula Gunawardane

The Hon. Edward Gunasekara

The Hon. S. M. Chandrasena

The Hon. D. V. Chanaka

The Hon. Sisira Jayakody

The Hon. Malith Jayathilake

The Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa

The Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha

The Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne

The Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana
The Hon. Lucky Jayawardana
The Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah
The Hon. K. Thurairetnasingam
The Hon. Sirinal de Mel
The Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva
The Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
The Hon. Anura Dissanayaka
The Hon. Mayantha Dissanayake
The Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
The Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
The Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
The Hon. Douglas Devananda
The Hon. Mohamed Navavi
The Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara
The Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
The Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan
The Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
The Hon. K. K. Piyadasa
The Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
The Hon. Sujith Sanjaya Perera
The Hon. Johnston Fernando
The Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra
The Hon. S. Premarathna
The Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda
The Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
The Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
The Hon. Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad Mansoor
The Hon. S. M. Marikkar
The Hon. K. Kader Masthan
The Hon. Imran Maharoof
The Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma
The Hon. Tilak Marapana
The Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
The Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana
The Hon. Bimal Rathnayake
The Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
The Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera
The Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella

The Hon. Ishak Rahuman
The Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
The Hon. Harshana Rajakaruna
The Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
The Hon. Angajan Ramanathan
The Hon. Gamini Lokuge
The Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
The Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne
The Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Thusitha Wijemanna
The Hon. Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne
The Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna
The Hon. (Mrs.) Sriyani Wijewickrama
The Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
The Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara
The Hon. S. Viyalanderan
The Hon. S. Shritharan
The Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera
The Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
The Hon. M. H. M. Salman
The Hon. (Dr.) S. Sivamohan
The Hon. Sivasakthy Ananthan
The Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran
The Hon. Vadivel Suresh
The Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne
The Hon. Ali Zahir Moulana Seyed
The Hon. Mavai S. Senathirajah
The Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
The Hon. Sunil Handunnetti
The Hon. (Dr.) A. R. A. Hafeez
The Hon. Wijepala Hettiarachchi
The Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath
The Hon. Kanaka Herath
The Hon. Vijitha Herath

Mr. Dhammika Dasanayake, Secretary-General of Parliament

Mr. Neil Iddawala, Deputy Secretary-General

Mrs. Kushani Rohanadeera, Assistant Secretary-General

Parliament met pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker took the Chair.

1. Announcements by the Speaker : The Speaker made the following announcement:-

“I wish to inform this House that in terms of Standing Order No. 129(c) of the Parliament, the Committee of Selection has nominated the Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe, MP to serve in the Committee on Public Petitions in place of the Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha, MP who has tendered his resignation from the membership of the Committee.”

2. Presentation of Papers : The Minister of Finance presented the Annual Report of the Insurance Board of Sri Lanka for the year 2013 and moved that this report be referred to the relevant Consultative Committee.

Question put, and agreed to.

The Report accordingly stood referred to the relevant Consultative Committee under Standing Order No. 109 of the Parliament.

3. Sittings of the Parliament : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That notwithstanding the motion agreed to by Parliament on 06.11.2015, the hours of sitting this day shall be 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.. At 7.00 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

Question put, and agreed to.

4. Appropriation Bill (2016) - (Fourth Allotted Day) : Order read for resuming adjourned debate on Question (20th November, 2015).

“ That the Bill be now read a second time”

Question again proposed; and debate resumed.

(At 10.30 a.m. the Deputy Chairman of Committees took the Chair.)

(At 1.00 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

The Minister of Education moved,— That Hon. Lucky Jayawardana do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 3.20 p.m. Hon. Lucky Jayawardana took the Chair.)

The Minister of Petroleum Resources Development moved,— That Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri do take the Chair.

Question put, and agreed to.

(At 5.05 p.m. Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri took the Chair.)

(At 6.23 p.m. the Deputy Speaker took the Chair.)

And it being 6.30 p.m. the debate stood adjourned; debate to be resumed on Friday, November 27, 2015.

5. Appropriation (Amendment) Bill : Order for Second Reading read.

The Minister of Higher Education and Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance moved,— “That the Bill be now read a second time.”

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

The Minister of Higher Education and Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance moved,— That the Bill be referred to a Committee of the whole Parliament.

Question put, and agreed to.

Parliament immediately resolved itself into Committee.

(In the Committee)

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

Clause 1 was agreed to.

Clause 2

The Minister of Higher Education and Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out lines 17 and 18 of the First Schedule in page 3 and insert,—

“ Head 19 - Office of the Leader of the Opposition of Parliament

Programme 01 Operational Activities 71,750,000 5,850,000”

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 3 was agreed to.

Clause 4

The Minister of Higher Education and Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance proposed an amendment to leave out line 19 of the Third Schedule in page 45 and insert,—

“ 124 Department of	25101	Advances to	22,070,000	14,100,000	75,000,000	- ”
Valuation		Public Officers				

Question that the amendment be agreed to, put, and agreed to.

Question that the Clause as amended stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Clause 5 was agreed to.

Enacting Clause and Title

Question that the Enacting Clause and Title stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Bill reported with Amendments.

The Higher Education and Highways on behalf of the Minister of Finance moved,—
That the Bill, as amended be now read the third time.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament having divided under S. O. No. 43 -
Ayes : 35; Noes : 3.

Bill, as amended, accordingly read the third time and passed.

6. Adjournment : The Leader of the House of Parliament moved,— That the
Parliament do now adjourn.

Question put, and agreed to; the Parliament was at 6.50 p.m. adjourned until
9.30 a.m. on Friday, November 27, 2015 pursuant to the Resolution of Parliament on
06th November, 2015.